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SUBJECT:ROMANIANS PROTEST AUGUST 23 DEMONSTRATION IN NEW
YORK.

REFS: (A) USUN 2716, (B) BUCHAREST 6390

1. ROMANIAN CHARGE IONITA CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB
AUGUST 31 TO PROTEST AUGUST 23 DEMONSTRATION AT ROMANIAN UN
MISSION WHICH VIOLATED US LAW. IONITA SAID IT IS A PITY
THAT SUCH ACTIONS, WHICH DO NOT ACCORD WITH SPIRIT OF US-
ROMANIAN RELATIONS, ARE "TOLERATED" BY US.

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2. HABIB EXPRESSED REGRET AND SAID WE ARE CONCERNED THAT
BREACH OF DISCIPLINE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE. DESK OFFI-
CER EXPLAINED THAT USUN HAD REQUESTED POLICE PRESENCE BUT
THAT POLICE HAD MISTAKENLY PROCEEDED TO WRONG ADDRESS. ONCE
POLICE ARRIVED, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, DEMONSTRATION
WAS ORDERLY. HABIB POINTED OUT THAT SUCH ACTIONS BY A HAND-
FUL OF PERSONS DO NOT REFLECT US POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA,

WHICH IS ONE OF GREAT FRIENDLINESS. HABIB SAID WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO SEE THAT SUCH AN OCCURRENCE IS NOT REPEATED.

3. IONITA SAID HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTANDS SUCH ACTIONS DO NOT REFLECT US POLICY, BUT THIS IS NOT EQUALLY CLEAR IN

BUCHAREST. HE CLAIMED FURTHER THAT A POLICE OFFICER WAS ON HAND FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE DEMONSTRATION BUT DID NOT TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENFORCE THE LAW. IONITA SAID DIMITRIE APOSTOLIU AND CORNEL DUMITRESCU WERE THE ORGANIZERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION.

4. FOR USUN: THIS INCIDENT RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS MAY OCCUR WHEN ROMANIAN DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR UNGA. IN ORDER TO AVOID ADVERSE EFFECT ON UN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, USUN IS REQUESTED TO:

(A) AGAIN ENCOURAGE ROMANIAN UN MISSION TO PROVIDE COMPLAINANT, POINTING OUT THAT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE SHOWS SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN ABSENCE OF COMPLAINANT;

(B) IN FUTURE, INFORM BOTH ROMANIAN MISSION AND NYPD WHEN ADVANCE WARNING OF DEMONSTRATION IS RECEIVED;

(C) REITERATE TO NYPD IMPORTANCE OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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100-FOOT RULE AND OTHER REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DEMONSTRATIONS.

5. FOR BUCHAREST: YOU SHOULD INFORM GOR THAT WE ARE TAKING EVERY STEP TO GUARD AGAINST VIOLATION OF US LAW BY DEMONSTRATORS, BUT THAT RIGHT OF DEMONSTRATION, WITHIN LEGAL LIMITS, CANNOT BE DENIED. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ROMANIAN WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A COMPLAINANT COULD WELL HAVE LED TO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION IN THIS CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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